



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022 – 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

BY TELECONFERENCE

Shawne Kokelj, President
Tracey Pope, Vice-President
David Mahon, Director
Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative
John Stephenson, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
Diep Duong, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
Ollie Williams, Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2 Approval of Minutes (March 8, 2022)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of March 8, 2022 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post March 8, 2022 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (March 8, 2022)

Board members noted the progress of the March 8, 2022 action items.

4 President's Notes

Shawne thanked organizers of the past weekend's territorial championships in Yellowknife and praised the smooth running of the event.

Sport North AGM – No date has yet been communicated.

Nordiq Canada AGM – June 16-18, 2022 in Gatineau. Ordinarily, NC and CCNWT between them can fund the travel of two people. Whether anyone attends is likely to be a decision for the incoming board following the CCNWT AGM.

Arctic Winter Games trials – We're awaiting news of the location from Sport North. CCNWT's preferred December dates were secured.

CCNWT executive – Shawne and Tracey will be stepping down. Anyone with questions about roles on the board, or becoming the next president, should contact Shawne or the Administrators. David will continue on the executive. John thanked Shawne and Tracey for many years of service.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to ask Board for any AGM motions or other business.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to ensure AGM and Board vacancies are advertised.

Ollie provided some notes on behalf of the Administrators:

CCNWT can apply for up to \$4,000 to help pay for strategic planning.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to draft application for strategic planning funding.

The Nordiq Canada Equity Initiative application submitted by CCNWT was accepted and has been forwarded to the federal government. The timeline to hear back is unclear.

Recent ski clinics held in various NWT communities have been successful. Anna-Spring Doerfler was praised for her role in conducting many clinics and her diligent inventorizing of equipment in communities visited.

John asked whether Yamal was no longer the 2026 Arctic Winter Games host given the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Ollie said the Arctic Winter Games International Committee had yet to communicate an update beyond suspending Yamal indefinitely from the committee. John noted the Northwest Territories is next in line to host after Yamal.

John asked for clubs to be sent reminders regarding which club reporting is outstanding from club events.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to compile a list of outstanding reporting by club.

5 Arctic Winter Games and Canada Winter Games

Draft coach selection policies were circulated to board members. Shawne hopes to issue the policies by the end of April and asked clubs to respond with any feedback or with their approval by April 21.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to assess draft AWG/CWG coach selection policies and respond by April 21.

Shawne said Sarah is reaching out to Sport North to establish whether exemptions from coach certification criteria are available.

John raised the question of whether coach selection committee decisions are subject to board ratification. Shawne suggested an amendment to the draft policies to that effect could be submitted by one or more club if they chose.

The board will look to adopt the policies by email.

6 Coach Development

Ollie asked clubs to advise their current coach development needs by the end of April and noted an L2T Dryland course is being held in Yellowknife on the last weekend in May.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to advise of any coach development needs not already being addressed.

Shawne said a CANSI course is in the works and clubs will be consulted before a location is finalized.

7 Club Updates

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- Nordic cross coming up this weekend
- Board has rescinded motions requiring proof of vaccination and related to exposure control, now recommends people follow GNWT Covid-19 guidelines

- Club will be looking for a new president at its AGM and has a vacancy for a communications-focused board member
- Loppet had 360 participants and was a big success

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- Loppet was fantastic, 42 participants despite the cold
- Spirit North struggled to run clinics in the cold but are faring better in Tsiigehtchic
- Easter event coming up on Friday

7 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2022 in conjunction with the CCNWT AGM.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting with clubs and encourage clubs to send an alternate to the meeting if a club representative cannot attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.